

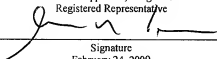
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Our Case No.: 9683/180

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazuo Sugimoto

Serial No.: 10/810,792

Filing Date: March 26, 2004

For VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS, VIDEO
ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING
PROGRAM, VIDEO DECODING
APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING METHOD
AND VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM

Examiner: Holder, Anner N.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2008

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.